

Dear Neighbor,

I have some good news to share regarding state bonding funds for Hamden and the Greater New Haven community.

Recently, the State Bond Commission approved the release of funding for several significant projects.

As your state Senator, I take pride in helping to secure funding for construction, expansion and renovation initiatives that help make Hamden a better place to live. I believe that the state must be an active partner in helping communities to develop.

I have included some additional details about these projects. If you have comments or questions, please call me at my office.

Sincerely,

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STATE SENATOR MARTIN LOONEY

Additional Newhall Street Neighborhood Funding

I'm pleased to announce that the state has approved an additional \$455,000 in funding to continue the ongoing remedial investigation and feasibility study of contaminated properties in the Newhall Street neighborhood. The area is next to the Hamden Middle School where contaminants were discovered in the soil. The residents of this area deserve to know the full extent of the damage and its implications. That is why I am pleased to have worked with Senator Crisco and others to secure this crucial state funding.

Regional Fire Training Academy

This is a critical training facility that helps both New Haven and Hamden continue to offer the superb services their residents deserve and expect. That's why I am proud to have helped secure \$367,912 for additions to the facility. The money will finance a new "burn building" necessary for training of firefighters. The funding will also go toward a vehicle and equipment storage garage, training props and site improvements. Renovations to the existing administration building include new fire alarms and improvements to comply with the American with Disabilities Act.

Improved Music Facilities for Area Students

The State Bond Commission also approved \$1.1 million for the Neighborhood Music School of New Haven for major structural improvements including necessary safety and structural improvements, mechanical and electrical upgrades, code improvements, handicapped accessibility and program expansion. The Neighborhood Music School was established in 1911 as part of the settlement house movement to assist New Haven's new and growing immigrant population. It became an independent, non-profit corporation in 1950 and serves the entire region.